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Before the Right Honourable Sir JOHN WILLES,
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Jurymen's Names.

<i>Thomas Cole.</i>	<i>Harris Hitchcock.</i>
<i>Charles Birt.</i>	<i>Charles Wheeler.</i>
<i>John Scott.</i>	<i>Thomas Simmonds.</i>
<i>John Ball.</i>	<i>Thomas Hammond.</i>
<i>Joseph Lashley.</i>	<i>Thomas Shore.</i>
<i>Samuel Cook.</i>	<i>John Read.</i>

STEPHEN SUTTON was indicted for assaulting *John Rew* on the Highway, putting him in Fear, and taking from him 20s. in Silver, the Property of the said *John New*, the 12th of May last.

John Rew. The 12th Day of last May I was riding from London to Epsom in a four-wheel Chaise, and had my Wife and Sister in it, and my Brother driving it: Between Carshalton and Sutton the Prisoner overtook us, and rode by us for about half a Mile, sometimes before and sometimes behind; my Wife took notice what a poor Horse he rode upon. I told her, that when she came to the Races, (where we were then going) she would see Race-Horses not in better Case. The Prisoner rode before us a good Way, and came back again, and then came up, and called out to my Brother, and ask'd him who made him a Coachman; my Brother reply'd, that he was a Coachman: The Prisoner reply'd again, he did not believe it; and if he did not stop he would shoot him; and immedi-

ately drew a Pistol out of a Belt under his Coat, where I saw two Pistols more. While he was talking with my Brother, I finding him to be a Highwayman, took an Opportunity to slip my Watch out of my Fob, and put it under the Cushion of my Chair, so that I sav'd it. When he came to me, and ordered me to deliver, I put my Hand in my Pocket, and gave him 25 or 26s. all the Silver I had, tho' I have laid no more than 20s. in the Indictment, because I would be positive.

Court. Look at the Prisoner: Can you take upon you to say he is the Man that robb'd you.

Rew. My Lord, I would not be too positive to him, but I verily believe that he is the Man. He was at Noon-Day, between 11 and 12 o'Clock I think, and the Sun shone very bright, but I was a little surpriz'd, and did not take a great deal of Notice; yet I believe he was the Person that robb'd me as sure as that the Court is now sitting. After he had got my Money, he ask'd me what the Ladies (meaning my Wife and Sister) had got; I told him nothing at all. Well, says he, if they have, I'll take nothing, and so God bless you. He then rode off towards London. Some Time after this Robbery, my Brother ask'd me to go abroad with him, and so we went to Belfize with some Gentlemen, and there a great many People were playing at Ninespins, among whom were some Gentlemen of my Acquaintance, who I waited for; and walking about, we accidentally saw Sutton sitting at the Door. Neither of us could be positive to him, tho' I told several he was the Man; and one who hear'd me talking about my being robb'd, went and told the Prisoner, as I suppose, what I had said, and so he mov'd off the Bench, and came to me, and ask'd me what I wanted with him; for says he, if you charge me, you'll undo me; or Words to that Purpose. I told him, I suspected he was the Man who robb'd me; and then carried him before

Justice Jenner of Hampstead, who committed him for farther Examination; and he was the next Day refer'd to Justice Mitchel of Clerkenwell, and then examined by a Bench of Justices, who sent him to New Prison.

Court. Did you ever complain, Sir, to a Magistrate of this Robbery before you seiz'd the Prisoner.

Rew. No, my Lord, I talk'd of it no more than in public Company when I came to Epsom.

Pris. My Lord, please to ask the Gentleman if he did not say at Belfize that he was not sure that I was the Man, only said that I look'd much like him; and whether I did not go quietly with him before the Justice.

Rew. I never said that you was not the Man; only that I would not be too positive. You went quietly enough with me.

William Rew. The 12th of May I went out with my Brother in a Chaise, and I drove it. About Noon, not far from the Post of Directions on Banstead Downs, the Prisoner, after having several Times rode backwards and forwards by the Chair, he came up, and damn'd me, asking how long I had been a Coachman, or who the Devil made me a Coachman. I told him a good while, and that the Chair and Horses were my own. He presented a Pistol, and ask'd me what Money I had. I offer'd him 6 or 7 Pennyworth of Half-pence, but he would not take it. Says he, I see your Watch, but as you're a Coachman, I'll take nothing. He then robb'd my Brother, and I saw him take the Money into his Hand.

Court. Do you think the Prisoner is the Man?

Rew. I did not observe him so much as I ought to have done, for I was afraid, if I look'd in his Face, he would shoot me.

Richard Grundy. I think I saw the Prisoner on Banstead Downs the 12th of May; but he being a pretty Way from me, I cannot say positively whether or nor it was the Prisoner.

George Pierce. The Day on which Mr. Rew was robbed, a Chariot which I drove was robb'd on the Downs by a Man like the Prisoner; but I will not swear he is the Man. I went to see him in Prison on the other Side of the water, but then I could not swear to him; he may be the Man, and he may not.

Tho. Sexton. I am 'Squire Scawen's Footman, and rode behind the Chariot that George Pierce, the Coachman, drove. On the 12th Day of May, in the Time of Epfom Races, the Prisoner at the Bar, whom they call St. Ives, stopp'd the Chariot, in which was the two Mills West's. He presented a Pistol to them, and demanded their Money: they were very much frightened, and desired him to take away his Pistol, and they would give him any Thing they had. I heard the Ladies say, that he robb'd them of between 5 and 6*l.* and he afterwards went to the Coachman, and said, Coachman, I suppose you'll expect to drink the Ladies Healths, there's three Shillings for you.

Court. Turn about, and look at the Prisoner; was he the Man that stopp'd your Chariot.

Sexton. He rode by me two or three Times before he came to rob the Ladies, I had a plain View of him; and tho' I have not seen him (before To-day in the Stockhouse) since he has been taken up, yet I am very certain he is the very Man.

Pris. Oh! Do you ever expect Heaven! Look at me; it's a sad Thing to swear innocent Blood away.

Sexton. I see you plain enough: I say you are the Man: I know your Face perfectly well.

Mr. Williams. I was robb'd on the Downs the Day on which Mr. Rew was robb'd, and I verily believe by the same Man. I was a good Way before Mr. Rew, and when the Prisoner had robb'd me, he rode away towards London. I turn'd my self in the Chaise, and saw him go and stop Mr. Rew's Chaise: I am not very positive that the Pri-

soner is the Man; but I think he looks very much like him. I was robb'd of about 2*l.* 16*s.* and 6*d.*

Pris. My Lord, when Pierce the Coachman came to see me in Bridewell, he said he did not know me, and he would swear that I was not the Mon.

Court. Call the Coachman (who appears) Hear Coachman, did you tell the Prisoner in Goal that he was not the Man?

Pierce. Never in my Life, I said no such Thing, he would have had me swore it, and had provided a Man to go along with me before a Justice. Since I must speak, you look more like the Person than any Body I know. I swear such a Thing! No, no, my Lord.

Court. If you can say any Thing in your Defence, now is the Time to offer it, and the Court will hear you.

Pris. My Lord, it's a likely Thing I should rob People at Noon-Day on Banstead Downs, when I was so well known all about the Country, that I must have been seen by above a thousand People.

Court. How came you to be so well known.

Pris. I rode Races about the Countries; I rode for several Lords and Dukes, and the best of People.

Court. Take care you don't ride on the wrong Side of the Post.

Pris. My Lord, I moved myself here by my own Habeas Corpus: It was at my own Charge; it cost me four and twenty Shillings. Call William Goldsborough, he'll give an Account of it.

William Goldsborough. I was coming from Carshalton the very Day that the Gentles-folks were robb'd going to Epfom; and I think I saw the Man that did these Robberies, and I am sure it was not St. Ives.

Court. Do you know this St. Ives?

Goldsborough. No, I don't know much of him.

Mr. Williams again. This very Man, my Lord, was in the Prison with him on t'other

Side the Water, and he offered to bail him, I assure you. I only came here to speak what I know; and on such Occasions, I think it my Duty to declare the Truth.

Court. You act like a very honest Man.

Pris. My Lord, my Evidences are gone to London; I did not expect to be try'd To-night. I hope you'll consider it. The best People in Greenwich will speak for me. The Jury found him guilty; and when they brought in their Verdict, he said, Gentlemen, God bless you all.

Abraham Coldcock was indicted for feloniously stealing a Bay Gelding, value 3*l.* from the Parish of Wisley, the Property of Thomas Newlyn; but there being no other Evidence to affect the Prisoner, but that of Dussel Wood, an Accomplice, the Jury gave no Credit to what he said, and acquitted the Prisoner.

Ann Taylor, of St. Mary Newington Butts, was indicted for privately stealing three Brass Locks, value 13*s.* an Iron Crane, value 4*s.* and an Iron Bar, value 1*s.* the Property of Francis Crosey, the 39th of September last. It appearing that the Prisoner and her Husband were Inhabitants in the House from whence these Things were taken, and that she acted under the Directions of her said Husband, the Jury acquitted her.

Alice Wilcox was indicted for privately stealing Half a Guinea in Gold, and 3*d.* in Half-pence, the Property of Joshua Swanson, July 13.

Joshua Swanson. The Girl was my Maid, and my Wife sent her up to make the Bed, and going up Stairs after her, found her at the Drawers. She confess'd that she had taken the Half Guinea and the Half-pence, and that she had robb'd me several Times before.

Pris. My Master promis'd me, that if I would confess that I had robb'd him, that he would forgive me. My Lord, I never took a Farthing of his Money.

Swanson. I did promise her to be favourable, if she would confess.

Court. And you now make use of that Confession you extorted from her as Evidence against her. No Regard is to be had to what you say; for it is the greatest Cruelty that can be practis'd, first to make her a fallacious Promise of Pardon, and then bring her Confession in Evidence against her. I hope what you have said will have no Weight with the Jury; for such a Man as you ought not to be trusted on any Account whatsoever. Have you any other Evidence.

Swanson. No, my Lord, my Wife is big with Child, and could not come.

Pris. My Lord, I have People to give me a Character. Call Mrs. Brightwell.

Mrs. Brightwell. The Girl liv'd with me a Year and a half, and behav'd very well. She had free Access to all the Rooms in my House, and I never lost any Thing.

John Miles. The Prisoner is as honest a Girl as ever liv'd: I have known her a good while.

Mr. Spencer. She's a modest sober Girl, and I sincerely believe she would not be guilty of Theft.

John Windall. The Prisoner is a very honest trusty-Girl as can be. Swanson has transported one of his Servants already, who was try'd in this Court. The Jury acquitted her.

William Kelly, of St. Olave's Southwark, was indicted for privately stealing one Anchor of Brandy, value 40*s.* the Property of Henry Mackleane.

It appear'd by the Evidence of Daniel Pullon, who was Bedfellow with the Prisoner, that the Prisoner confess'd to him the stealing the Brandy from a Warehouse, No. 1. at Symmond's Wharf, and that the Prisoner gave him two Glasses of it. Guilty of felony.

George Ticknell, otherwise *Tickner*, and *Thomas Downing* otherwise *Downham*, of *Rochampton*, were indicted for burglariously breaking and entering the Dwelling-House of *Gravenor Paget*, and stealing one Silver Watch, value 40 s. Half a Guinea in Gold, and 16 s. 6 d. in Silver.

Mr. Paget. I live at the Lodge in *Richmond-Park* next *Rochampton*. I went to Bed on the 25th of April and fastened my Doors, but when I got up in the Morning I found my Breeches gone from the Bed-side. I asked my Wife if she had meddled with them; she told me she had not: Then says I, Wife we are robbed: I found my Breeches on the Stair-head and my Watch and Money gone out of them. A Pane of Glass was taken out of the Window and so the Rogues got in. I went to my Master *Capt. Jackson*, and acquainted him how I had been robbed; but I could hear nothing of who did it till one Cuff was taken up for another Robbery; and he told me that he and the Prisoners did it.

Court. Had you your Watch and Money again?

Paget. No; I never had either; he told me the Watch was sold to a Man on *London-Bridge* for 25 s.

Robert Cuff. I and *Downham*, and *Ticknell*, robb'd *Mr. Paget's* House. I had been drinking *Geneva* on the 25th of April, and going out to take a Walk on *Putney-Common*, I met the two Prisoners, who ask'd me to make them drink, on which I told them I had no Money. Says *Ticknell*, we'll put you in a Way to get Money, if you can keep Counsel. *Downham* said, yes, yes, I believe Bob can keep Counsel as well as any Body. I told them I would be very true to my Trust, but they said that would not do, for I must take an Oath that I would discover nothing.

Court. And did you take an Oath.

Cuff. Yes, my Lord, we all swore Damnation to our Souls and Bodies to be true to

one another. They then informed me that they had consulted to rob old *Paget's* House; and all met that Night at the *Park-Wall* about 12 o'clock, and got over the Wall to the House. *Ticknell* pull'd the Tacks out of the Window with a long Knife he had about him, and he and I got into the House, and *Downham* stood upon the Watch, to give the Alarm, if any Body discovered us. We took *Mr. Paget's* Breeches, and got the Watch and Money out, and in a little Time *Downham* gave a Whistle, so that we thought some of the *Park-Keepers* were coming, and we got out of the House, and all went away together to one *Bagnel's* and shar'd the Money. On the Saturday after the Robbery I went to a Watchmakers Shop at the Foot of *London-Bridge*, to sell the Watch, but the Man would give me no more than 20 s. for it, so I came out of the Shop, and a Man who stood at the Door bid me 25 s. so I took the Money, and on the Sunday Morning I went to *Downham*, and gave him his Share of the Money, but *Ticknell* was not with him then.

Court. Did you go voluntarily before a Magistrate, and make Information against the Prisoners for this Robbery.

Cuff. I was taken up for another Fact, but I confess'd this also on the 10th of May, and when *Mr. Paget* came to me at *Putney* I informed him of it.

Court. How came you be taken?

Cuff. On the 9th of May, in the Night, we robb'd *Mr. Leper's* House, but Day breaking upon us before we could carry off the Goods, we agreed to come the next Night to carry them away, and in the mean Time we carried them into the Necessary-house, and at Night when I came to fetch them, a Man seiz'd me, and then I confess'd the Robbery.

Prisoner's Defence.

Council for the Prisoners. My Lord, and you Gentlemen of the Jury, we shall prove that

that both the Prisoners were not concern'd in this Felony and Burglary: Call Stephen Ticknell.

Stephen Ticknell. My Brother George lay with me all Night the 26th of April; I had been out, and coming Home about Nine or Ten o'Clock found him in Bed; and calling to him, he flung the Key out of the Window.

Court. How came you to be so particular to the 26th of April; what Day of the Week was it?

Ticknell. I think, Wednesday. My Father and I had been to Mortlake to take a House that Day.

Court. Have you any Memorandum in Writing, that you took this House the 12th of April.

Ticknell. Yes, my Lord.

Court. Then produce it; it may be of Service to you.

Ticknell. I have not got it with me.

Elix. Ticknell. The 26th of April I had been all Day washing at Madam Butterfield's. The Prisoner, my Son, came about Nine o'Clock to fetch me home, and we both went to Bed. He was all Day at work at his own Shop.

Court. Did you take the Key up Stairs with you?

E. Ticknell. No, we never take the Key up.

Court. Your Son Stephen just now said, that the Key was toss'd out of the Window to him: If the Key was usually left in the Door, do you think that the Prisoner would come down to take it out, and toss it out of the Window.

E. Ticknell. I cannot say---I believe when all the Family's not at home we carry the Key up.

Ticknell. The Prisoner is my Son. On the 26th of April he was at work in his Shop at Roehampton; and I and my Son Stephen went that Day to Mortlake, and took a House of the Churchwardens of the Parish.

Court. Did you take it by Lease, or by the Year? Have you the Writings your Son says was made that Day.

Ticknell. No, I think not.

Court to Steph. Ticknell. On your Oath, Sir, was there any Agreement in Writing made, as you have mentioned?

S. Ticknell. My Lord, I forgot my self; there was not.

Ticknell. But, my Lord, I made a Memorandum with Chalk on Fulham-Bridge. It is there now to be seen. My Son Stephen and I went indeed; and he walk'd, and I rode on Horseback.

Charles Knowles. I was Deputy-Keeper of the House of Correction in Southwark, where the Evidence Cuff was a Prisoner; and he being very ill there, desired me to go his Father at Putney, and tell him he should die, if he did not come to him, and get him out; the Prison at that Time being very sickly, on Account of the great Number of Prisoners there for selling spirituous Liquors. He then expressed a great deal of Concern for the two poor Fellows in Prison.

Court. What did he mean by two poor Fellows? Did he name any in particular?

Knowles. I don't know what he did. I know no more of the Matter, only that I told his Father he must get a Copy of his Commitment, and he might be bail'd before a Judge.

Richard Biggs. I have known the Prisoner Ticknell a long Time. He serv'd his Time to me four Years duly and truly, and behaved himself very well.

John Snelling. I have known him these 14 or 15 Years, and he has always behaved well.

James Galpin. I have known him a long while, and never in my Life heard any Ill of him.

Court. What Character do the Neighbours give of him? Is it that of a sober industrious one, or an indifferent Character?

Galpin.

Galpin. Why, I don't know, I know no ill of him.

Court. That's not the Question, Sir.

Coun. Did you never hear, Sir, that he has been taken up for beating his Mother?

Galpin. The young Lad will drink a little, and young Folks will be giddy.

To Downing's Character.

William Finchman. I have known him from an Infant, and I believe him to be as honest a Lad as ever liv'd.

John Downing. The Prisoner my Son lay with me all Night on the 26th of April. My Wife had a swell'd Face, and lay with his Child, for he and his Wife had agreed to live apart, because they had run out a little, and their Goods were seiz'd.

Mary Downing, the Prisoner's Mother, deposed to the same Effect.

The Jury acquitted them.

George Tickner and *Thomas Downing* were a second time indicted for burglariously breaking and entering the Dwelling-House of Andrew Leper in the Night-time, and taking from them one Copper-Pot, a Stewpan, a Clothes-Brush, and other things, the 9th of May last.

Andrew Leper. My House was robb'd, but I knew nothing about it.

The Goods were produc'd in Court, and shewn to the Prosecutor, who said he would not swear to them.

Judith Leper. My Husband and I were at London, and had a Letter sent us by Mr. Beaumont, that the House was robb'd.

Court. Are these your Goods?

Mrs. Leper. I cannot say they are.

Court. What! don't you know your own Goods?

Mrs. Leper. There's many things alike, I'll not swear to them.

Court. What! then is there no body that knows of the Matter?

Peter Beaumont. I live opposite to Mr. Leper's, and having gone into the Garden

of their House to mow some Grass, we found the Back-Door broke open, and that the House had been robb'd. The Goods we found in the House of Office, ready to be carried off; so inform'd some of the Neighbours of this, and sent a Man and Horse to London, to inform Mr. Leper of what had happened. In the mean time, I and three more agreed to watch all the Night, for we imagin'd that the Rogues would come to fetch them away, and so it happened. I was plac'd in the Necessary House, and the rest in different Places, and late at Night this Cuff came, and went to unbutton the Door, and I catch'd hold of his Arm, and told him that it was he I wanted. He was very much surprized, so we carried him to his Father's, but the Family was in Bed; they call'd out of the Window, and ask'd, Who we wanted? One of us enquir'd where Bob was, and was answer'd, that he was in Bed. We secur'd him, and he confess'd after a short time, that Downing and Ticknel were concern'd with him. Accordingly we got a Constable, and went to their Houses, and seiz'd them. This was about one or two in the Morning.

Court. Were they in Bed?

Beaumont. I think Ticknel was, but Downham was up. I don't remember very well.

Court. Did Cuff direct you where to find the Prisoners?

Beaumont. Yes, he told us where they liv'd.

Pris. Ticknel. My Lord, this Man enquired of several People before he could find us. I know nothing of what they swear against me.

Robert Cuff. The Prisoners and I met at the House of one Whitaker, not a great Way from my Father's, and we agreed to rob Mr. Leper's House, and so broke open the Back-Door, by wrenching the Bar, and forcing the Lock off. We took out a Panel from the Door, and got in, and took down a Copper that was fix'd in Brick-

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Work, and mov'd the Goods into the 'Necessary House; but before we could pack up the Goods, it was Day-Light, and we were afraid to carry them away for fear of a Discovery; then we agreed to come the next Night, and the Prisoners at the Bar were to meet me. There was a Pistol in the Corner, put up in an old black Stocking; and when I went to fetch away the Goods, I was laid hold of by Mr. Beaumont.

Several People appear'd, and prov'd that the Prisoners were drinking that Night at the Green Man; and Ann Sheppard depos'd, that coming home with her Husband, late that Night, and another Man, who assisted her in bringing him home, (he being in Liquor) they heard a Voice call to them, and say, *There goes Cuckoldy Will. Sheppard*; which he believ'd to be Ticknell's Voice. But the Prisoners having Evidence to prove that they were not at the Green Man, nor seen in Cuff's Company, the Jury acquitted them of this Indictment also.

Elizabeth Harwood was indicted for privately stealing a Pair of Leather-Shoes, Value 2 s. the Property of Ann Bell, in the Dwelling-House of John Turner, April 20. Guilty to the Value of 10 d.

Thomas Colstock, otherwise *Cowstock*, was indicted for privately stealing a Gun, Value 3 l. the 1st of August 1735, in the Dwelling-House of Thomas Woodman. Acquitted.

Charles Trotter of St. Thomas's Southwark, was indicted for breaking and entering the Dwelling-House of Zacharia Clarke, and stealing thereout 3 Pair of Mens Shoes, Value 4 s. and 4 Pair of Boys Shoes, Value 6 s. the 4th of August last; but there being no other Evidence to prove the Fact upon the Prisoner, but Richard Nicholas an Accomplice, the Jury acquitted him.

Mary King was indicted for privately stealing eight Yards of Fringe, four Yards

of Lace, a Pair of Scissars, and other Goods, the Property of Elizabeth Brown.

It appear'd that the Prisoner was a Lodger in the Prosecutor's House, and had taken the Goods and pawn'd them at one Mrs. Hooder's, where some of them were found by her Direction, and that the rest were pawn'd at Dockhead. Guilty to the Value of 10 d.

Samuel George was indicted for feloniously stealing three Calve-Skins dress'd, one Hide, and six Pair of Shoes, from the Shop of George Wortfield at Oking. Acquitted.

Richard Kilburn, of St. George the Martyr in Southwark, was indicted (with Thomas Edwards, not yet taken) for assaulting John Gotobed on the Highway, putting him in Fear, and taking from him a Watch, value 50 s. a Pair of Silver Shoe-Buckles, value 12 s. a Silver Stock-Buckle, value 2 s. 6 d. a Penknife, a Cork screw, a good Halfpenny, and a bad one, the 15th of May last.

John Gotobed. On the 13th of May, between 11 and 12 at Night, I was coming from Cuper's-Gardens to my Master's on London-Bridge, where I serv'd my Time, to work. When I had got half way over the Fields, between the Blue-Bell and the Cow-House, the Prisoner at the Bar (and one Edwards, as I am since inform'd) came up to me, and the Prisoner presented a Pistol and demanded my Money.

Court. What did he say?

Gotobed. He bid me deliver, or I was a dead Man. I had a Link in my Hand, and saw him before he came up for the Space of 6 Yards. He rifled my Coat-Pockets, and then my Breeches, and took the Things mentioned in the Indictment. Then the other Man came behind me, and snatch'd the Link from me, and flung it away, so I could not see his Face so plain as I did the Prisoner's. When they had robb'd me, they ask'd me, if I was a Master or a Servant. I told them,

them, only a Servant; so they bid me go on, and think myself well off, and as I was going away, they beat me very much over the Head with their Sticks, and I bled so much that I could not work: They then went off; but which Way I cannot tell.

Court. When did you complain of this?

Gotobed. As soon as I came to my Master's, the Pastry-Cook's Shop on the Bridge. The Man was taken up the Tuesday following, and one Mr. Mitchell came and told me of it. On the Wednesday Morning I went to the New Goal, and saw the Prisoner, and declared he was one of the Men who robb'd me. He was carried before Sir John Lade, where I appeared and swore to him, and then Sir John committed him.

Pris. This Mitchell is an old Thief, and has hang'd many a Man; he makes it his common Practice to take up People for the Sake of the Reward.

Court. Why do you give these People an Opportunity of taking you?

William Powell. I am Fellow-Servant with the Prosecutor Mr. Gotobed; when he came home, he told me he had been robb'd by two Men in the Fields; and said one of them was a little well-set Fellow in a Cape-Coat. He also mentioned what they had taken from him. He is Cook at Cuper's-Gardens. When Word was brought him that such a Person, as he had described, was taken up, he desired me to go with him to the New Goal, where the Prisoner was. I went with him and saw the Prisoner; and as soon as ever he beheld him, he said that's the Man. I bid him be very positive what he swore, for a Man's Life was very precious. He said he would not swear to him, if he had not been very positive. He was then carried before Sir John Lade, who committed him. In about two or three Days after, a Messenger came from the Prisoner to Cuper's-Gardens, desiring Mr. Gotobed would come to him, for that he wanted to speak with him. He and I went, and he then confessed the Fact, and said, if the Prosecutor would

agree to it, he would make himself an Evidence. He also said the Watch was sold for 30 s.

Pris. Please, my Lord, to enquire into his Character; he never saw me before.

Powell. I never desire to see you again.

William Rice. Mr. Gotobed told me he had been robb'd, and describ'd the Men. I knew that the Prisoner and Edwards were loose Fellows, and had great Reason to believe they were the Persons. On Wednesday I went to see. Mr. Mitchell and Holderness were with me; and as soon as I saw Kilburne I seiz'd him, and Mr. Holderness and Mr. Mitchell went after Edwards, but he made his Escape. He would not own any thing of the Robbery 'till after Sir John Lade had committed him, and he then desired me to go and take one Solomon Garrett, and a Woman, whom he calls his Wife, went with me to shew me his Haunts, and I took him in Moorfields, and brought him in a Coach to the New Goal to the Prisoner, and the Prisoner said that this Garrett was concern'd with him, and that they sold the Watch for 30 s. and the Buckles for 8 s.

Rich. Johnson. He desired me to go to the Prosecutor and tell him, if he was willing the Prisoner at the Bar should be an Evidence, he could hang Garrett and Edwards, and clear himself.

Pris. I never was in St. George's Fields at Night in my Life. I laid over the Water that Night.

Court. Is the Person here to prove that you lay there all Night?

Pris. No, my Lord, she is gone away.

Richard Phillips. Seeing a great Crowd in the Borough, I was enquiring what was the Matter, and was told a Man was going before Justice Lade, so I went there to see what was the Matter, and as I lean'd over the Justice's Hatch, I heard the Prosecutor say he could not swear to the Man.

Court. How came you here to declare this? Do you know the Prisoner?

Phillips. I do not know him. His Wife, or the Creature he lives with, who I believe is a Woman of the Town, desired me to come.

Court. Did you see him go to Bed that Night?

Phillips. I cannot say I did. *Death.*

Walter Obrian, late of Rygate, was indicted for privately stealing 12 bushels of clover-seed, value 18l. the property of Thomas Scawen, Esq;

He was a second time indicted for receiving 12 bushels of wheat in the chaff, value 40s. the property of Zachariah Lindsey, the 1st of January last.

The clover-seed was stolen by the prisoners, Edward Herring, Thomas Miles, and Nicholas Dove, who were servants to the prisoner; he lent them a horse to fetch the goods, and the seed was afterwards concealed in a dry well in the prisoner's house, where it was found by Mr. Robert Machen; and Herring and Dove confess'd their being concern'd with the prisoner in stealing it.

Mary Cox, the prisoner's maid, endeavoured to prove that Dove and Miles came to her master's house, and enquired for him, and told her, that they had some clover-seed to sell, and that it was in the dry well; that she inform'd her master when he came home, and he said, he would not be concern'd in any such thing if they would give him 100l.

John Stinner, Baker, gave the prisoner a good character, and said that he had dealt with them time several, and always found him a very honest man, at that time he renting a farm of above 50l. a year.

James Brian. I heard Dove and Herring say, that if the prisoner would give him 10l. they would not swear against him.

Robt. Mills. I have heard Herring say, that the prisoner was not concern'd in stealing the wheat.

Thomas Bowen. I live at Ewell, and have known the prisoner 20 years; he's a very honest man.

The prisoner was acquitted of the first indictment; but it was prov'd on the second, that he actually receiv'd the wheat, mix'd it with his own, and carried it to market to sell, and had 16s. for his share. The jury found him guilty, and he was ordered for transportation for 14 years.

Robert Wilson, of St. Saviour's Southwark, was indicted for privately stealing 8 lb. weight of hops, from the Warehouse of William Golding, the property of Samuel Luer, the 27th of April last.

Mr. Golding. I had at several times lost hops from my warehouse in the George-Inn in the Borough, and had the houses of my servants search'd, but never could find out the thief; but on the 27th of April last at night the prisoner was discovered in my warehouse, and these hops taken upon him; we carried him to the watch-house, but he would confess nothing that night, but the next morning he own'd that he had several times stolen hops from thence, and sold them to a small-beer brewer for not more than one eighth of the value.

Richard Wharton. Going up the yard of the George-Inn; I saw a hog laid up against the wall of the warehouse: I went in, and found the prisoner with this bag of hops. He said he would go along with me, and so I carried him into the parlour to my master Golding.

Pris. I have nobody to my character. I use the seas. Guilty to the value of 4s. 10d.

Timothy Berry, of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, was indicted for privately stealing three holland shirts, three damask Nap-

napkins, and three diaper cloths. It appear'd that the linnen was taken from the drying-house of Mr. Orrell. Guilty of felony.

William Hoare and Walter Oliver, of Wandsworth, were indicted for assaulting *Ann Paxford* on the highway, putting her in fear, and taking from her 5 s. in silver, the property of John Paxford, her husband, the 18th of April last.

Ann Paxford. I had been that day at *Cathalton Downs* selling shrimp, and coming home met *Hoare* and *Oliver*. I know them well enough --- there they are, --- that's they.

Court. What time of the night was it?

Paxford. About half an hour after nine: it was near *Squire Scawen's park*. *Oliver* came up to me, and call'd, *Nans*, damn you, where have you been; if you have earn'd two-pence to night, the dog shall bite with you, but they spoke it out, and I please you Sir. The dog flew upon me, and tore all my cloths, and then *Oliver* beat my face, and took the money out of my bosom, and snog my shrimp-pot over the hedge.

Court. Did they threaten to kill you, if you did not give them your money?

Paxford. No, my lord, they did not threaten me; they knew me very well, and I knew them. We were neighbours. Indeed they robb'd me, upon my word they did, --- yes, as I hope to be sav'd.

Court. Why did you not complain to a magistrate of this?

Paxford. For the sake of their families. I would not have done this, if Justice Pet-tiward had not sent for me.

Court. Have you seen the prisoners before they were committed?

Paxford. I have seen them often. I ask'd them after they had robb'd me, to give me a shilling to set me up; but they only damn'd me. As soon as I was robb'd, I

went to *Queenhithe*, and told my Husband of it.

Prisoner's Defence.

Thomas Dyer. She came to the Turn-pike at *Newington*, the next morning, and told me she had been robb'd by two men in *Sketker's brick-field*, which is not above half a mile from the turn-pike. I ask'd her why she did not take them up. She said there was so many of them, that she was afraid of being knock'd of the head. She never said that either of the prisoners had robb'd her.

Matthew Richardson. I know but little of this woman, I heard her telling *Dyer* of her being robb'd, and I think she said she was robb'd by one man.

Mr. Goldfinch. This woman, my lord, has a very ill character. She came to my house the 18th of April, the very night she swears she was robb'd, at 9 o'clock, and never complain'd: she gave my boy a penny that very night, and us'd often to lie there. I believe she would swear any thing.

Richard Tudor. The 5th of May I met her in *Wandsworth churchyard*, and she ask'd me to give her a pint of drink. She told me at the same time that they wanted her to swear against *Hoare* and *Oliver*, but says by g-d, I know nothing at all of the matter.

Mr. Clark. She came to my house, and never complain'd of being robb'd.

Sarah Goldfinch. Mrs. Paxford is a woman of a bad character; I believe she would swear any thing. She was very intimate at my house, and never complain'd she was robb'd till some time after. I lent her a handkerchief, and she return'd it; and when she charg'd these men with robbing her, says she, Mistress, the rogues that robb'd me, tore the corner of it off. I'll assure you, my lord, that the corner of this handkerchief was torn off before; here it

is; I found it last night. [The corner of the handkerchief was produced in court.]

Tho. Skinner. I have known Mr. Oliver 20 years: he's a very honest man.

James Walloner. I have employ'd both the prisoners, and always found them true and trusty.

John Rutter also gave them a good character. The Jury acquitted them.

William Hoare was a second time indicted for assaulting Joseph Collyer on the highway, putting him in fear, and taking from him a silver watch with a metal case, value 40s. a pair of silver spurs, value 20s. a gold enamell'd ring, value 10s. a silver seal, value 1s. half a guinea in gold, and 2s. in silver, May 2.

Mr. Collyer. I came from Windsor the 2d of May, and call'd at this town (Kingston) from whence I went to Tooring, and near the bottom of Comb-Hill, I was stopp'd by two men on foot, and the reins of my horse's bridle seiz'd. They immediately presented their pistols, and ordered me to deliver. I desired them to take away their pistols, and they should have all I had. They then put their hands in my pocket, one being on each side, and took the money and things mentioned in the indictment. When they had rifled me, they pulled me off my horse, and dragg'd me into a field, about 100 yards from the place where they robb'd me.

Court. Did you take notice of their faces? Do you believe that the prisoner at the bar is one of the men?

Collyer. I am certain of it, my lord; it was about 25 minutes before 12 at noon when I was robb'd. The prisoner I am very sure is one of the men; he had a bargeman's coat on.

Pris. I never wore a bargeman's coat in all my life. I have not wore any other coat than this I have on for these two years, or a year and a half, I am sure.

Collyer. My lord, he is one of the men that robb'd me. I took great notice of his face. I went to a Justice of peace, and got a hue and cry, by which means the prisoner was taken. I knew him at the first sight, when I saw him at the ale-house at Wandsworth.

Mr. Porter. When Mr. Collyer saw the prisoner at the Rose and Crown at Wandsworth, he told me, he was sure Hoare was one of the persons. Says I, Mr. Collyer, pray be sure, before you send for a constable, for it will ruin his character. He was at our house after he was robb'd, and describ'd the prisoner: my wife gave him a glass of water with drops in it.

Mr. Warrell, Butcher. Mr. Collyer was telling me, at his own House, how he had been robb'd by two Men, and he describ'd the Prisoner. I went to Hoare's House, but he was not within, so I left Word with his Wife that I was gone to the Spread-Eagle, and if he came presently, desired her to send him to me, for I had some old Cart-Wheels to sell. The Prisoner soon came after; and I and Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Collyer's Man, seiz'd him. Nay, says he, this is the Case, the buying of Cart-Wheels is all over. We carried him to the Rose and Crown where Collyer was, and Mr. Collyer was very positive to him, but the Prisoner deny'd it.

Mr. Doller. I was going to Hounslow the Day Mr. Collyer was robb'd, and on the very Spot, I saw two Men sit under the Hedge; one of them had their Hat slopp'd, and I suspected them to be Rogues. One of them ask'd me what it was o'Clock; the Day or two after I was telling this, when I heard of the Robbery of Mr. Collyer.

Court. Do you believe the Prisoner at the Bar was one of the Persons you saw sitting under the Hedge?

Doller. I cannot say that.

Defence.

James Drivery. I am a Coachmaker at Wandsworth, and about 11 o'Clock on the 2d of May, I went to sharpen a Saw at Oliver's Shop, and saw Mr. Hoare and Oliver together at that Time, and they went out together.

Thomas Herne. I work at Mr. Couchmaker's Dye-house, and having little to do, the Prisoner at the Bar and I agreed to take a Walk together: This was about 12 o'Clock; and I was in his Company till Six at Night.

Thomas Tanner. I saw the Prisoner not far from his House on the 2d of May, about a Quarter after 11 o'clock.

James Woolmer. The Prisoner has done Business for me, and I always found him a very honest Man.

Elizabeth Ball. The Prisoner has a very good Character, and I believe he would not rob any Body.

Richard Tudor. I have known Hoare these 20 Years. I have lent him Money at several Times, and he always paid me honestly and justly.

John Friday. I have known him for seven or eight Years past, and he has had a good Character.

Richard Pew. I have known him for 16 or 17 Years, and he has behaved very well, and work'd hard.

Court. Have you any of the substantial Inhabitants of Wandsworth to your Character?

Pris. My Lord, I am innocent of this Fact. I never robb'd any one in my Life.

Death.

William Cooper and Thomas Bird, were indicted for assaulting James Trymmer on the highway, putting him in fear, and taking from him six guineas in gold, May 3.

Mr. Trymmer. On Whitson-Tuesday I was going from Wimbledon to Putney, in a chair with one horse; and as I came upon the common, by the causeway in the King-

ston road, I saw two men coming up, one on a grey, and the other on a bay horse. They came on both sides of the chair, and presenting their pistols demanded my money. I bid them take their pistols away, and they should have it; so I put my hand in my pocket, and gave them six guineas. They were both masqu'd, so that I cannot swear either of them were the men. When they had robb'd me, they rode off, muttering some words, which I could not understand. They rode towards Wimbledon. I had some business in Yorkshire, and went down thither; and when I returned, I found the men were taken, by a note left at my lodging, directing me to come to Sir John Lade, Barr. in the Borough, and I might be inform'd of the persons who had robb'd me. I have never seen either of the men since their being taken; so I will not say that they were the persons who robb'd me.

John Inward. On Whitson-Tuesday I was going over the Common to Putney, with a load of Babbins, and was not above 200 yards from the place where 'squire Trymmer was robb'd: I saw them make up to the chair; one was on a bay, the other on a grey horse; and after they had robb'd the gentleman, they rode by my waggon; their masks were both off, and I had a plain view of Cooper's face, but I will not swear to Bird. When they pass'd me, they rode off as fast as their horses could lay legs to the ground towards Wimbledon, and when I came back to Wimbledon, I was talking about the robbery. The towns-people told me, that two highwaymen had rode furiously through the town, and the two prisoners answer the description of the men. I had them in my eye a good while, and am positive to the little man, Cooper.

Court. Then you cannot say that Bird was the other?

Inward. No, my Lord, I would not swear, unless I was positive.

Lamrock Maynard. One Mr. Baker, who keeps the George in Suffolk-Street, Southwark, came to me the 1st of June, and told me he believed he had got a highwayman in his house, and as I am a constable he desired me to go with him, and secure the prisoner. At that time Mr. Moore, Mr. Maul, and Mr. Lacy were at my house, and I desired them to go with me and assist me. We all went, and a pistol was taken out of his pocket. I seiz'd him, and told him, that he must go with me, for he was suspected to be a highwayman, on which he clapp'd his hand to his breeches pocket, and said he would blow me, but he was prevented from drawing the pistol. We found in his pocket another pistol, and a mask, and ask'd him what he did with them; on which he reply'd, The pistol was for his safety, and the mask was his wife's needle-case. I then carried him before Sir John Lade, and he swore that they could not hurt him, behaving in a very rude manner all the while, even when he was before the Justice.

James Baker. On Thursday the 1st of June, Cooper came to my Door, and called out, Baker, Baker, as he sat on his Horse. I thought he knew me, so went to the Door, and ask'd him to light; he did so, and put his horse into the Stable. D—n me, Baker, says he, don't you think this horse worth 14 or 15 Guineas? I told him he was a good Gelding. No, says he, he's not fit for my Business; I had a Nag the other Day, that look'd not to be worth Half a Crown, that was fitter for my Purpose. He then came into the Kitchen, and put off his Coat, and hung it by the Fire to dry, and he desired me to lend him one to put on. Says he, By G—d, I have done no Good to-day, or that he had had no Luck; I cannot tell which, and a pistol being seen in his pocket, I began to suspect him; so I went to Mr. Maynard the Constable, and begg'd that he would come to my house and seize him. He accordingly came with three men

more, and I charg'd them with him; he then endeavoured to draw a Pistol from his Breeches Side-pocket, but one Mr. Ball laid hold of his Arm; he was then carried before Sir John, and as we went along we call'd in at Mr. Maynard's house, and there the Prisoner said, d—n you Baker, I did not think you'd have serv'd me so, I'll do your business.

Henry Atkins. I am a Constable in the City. Ralph Mitchell came to me, and brought a Letter which he said he was going to carry to Mr. Bird, and desired me to go along with him, so we both went away together, and Mr. Mitchell desired me to stay at the Wool-pack Alehouse in Jewen-street, and he would go and see for Bird. Accordingly they both came there in about half an hour, and then we show'd him the Letter, and told him what we was come upon; he said it is very well Gentlemen, I'll go along with you. We then carried him to the New-Grol to Cooper, and Cooper's horseman's Coat hung up, and we ask'd the Prisoner Bird if he knew that Coat? he said he did. Then the little Man Cooper came to him in the Yard, and cry'd and kissed him. Bird desired to be admitted an Evidence, and ask'd me if it could be done. I told him I could not tell, he would know when he went before the Justice.

Ralph Mitchell. I had a Letter from the Prisoner Cooper to Bird the other Prisoner, after Cooper was in prison. Cooper inform'd me where the Prisoner liv'd, after he had impeach'd him, and I went to Mr. Atkins the Constable, and he staid at the Wool-pack whilst I went to Bird's Father's, who is a Dyer. I knock'd at the Door, and ask'd if Mr. Thomas Bird was within. I was told he was, and so he came to me. I inform'd him, a Gentleman at the Wool-pack wanted him, and he must come immediately with me, which he did. As we came along, I did not hold him, but kept a sharp Eye upon him all the while, for fear he should

run away. When we came to the Alehouse, we laid hold of him, and brought him to the New-Gap. When he found that Cooper had made an Information against him, he wanted to be made an Evidencer, and confessed the Robbery, saying that he could do for a man who was in the Country; he told us how the horses were hired at the Red-Lyon in Bishopsgate-street, and I went thither, and found they were the same horses, and the Inn-keeper brought his Book before Sir John Lade, to prove that the horses were hired there, and kept on the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. They both confessed the robbing of Mr. Trymmer, and said, that tho' it was advertis'd in the News, that they took seven Guineas from him, but they took no more than six. When the Robbery was confessed by them before Sir John, I was sent with a Letter to the Prosecutor, and I carried it to his Lodgings in Pall-mall, to tell him the men that robbed him were taken up, but the Gentleman was then gone into the Country.

Cooper. These People I wear my Life away for the sake of the reward, I knew nothing of the Robbery before I read it in the publick News.

Bird. My Lord, is it probable that I should confess a Robbery to a common Thief-catcher? I shall call several people to my character.

John Quainton. I have known Thomas Bird these 20 Years, he always bore the character of a sober young Lad.

Daniel Bird. I am the Prisoner's Father, he always behaved dutiful to me.

Court. Was he acquainted with the Prisoner Cooper?

D. Bird. They were School-Boys together, and acquainted from their infancy.

Court. Did your Son generally lie at your house?

D. Bird. Yes, my Lord.

Court. Did he lie at home on Whitsonsonday, Monday, and Tuesday?

D. Bird. Indeed, my Lord, I cannot say he did. I will swear nothing but the truth.

Richard Ward. I have known the prisoner Cooper these 20 Years: he was bound Apprentice to a Coachmaker, and has followed his Trade since. I know the Prisoner Bird, and his Parents, and never heard any ill of either of them. Old Mr. Bird is a man as well respected as any in Cripplegate Parish, and has been master of his company, and brought up his Family very well.

Court. Has Cooper work'd at his Trade lately? How has he supported himself?

Ward. I know that he has work'd at his Trade.

Court. Has he work'd for a Twelvemonth last past?

Ward. I cannot tell, my Lord.

Francis Trunk spoke to Cooper's Character, that he had never heard any ill of him. The Jury acquitted Thomas Bird, and found William Cooper guilty of the Indictment Death.

Ann Taylor of St. Mary Newington Butts, was indicted for stealing three Brass-Locks, Value 15 s. an Iron-Crane, Value 4 s. and an Iron-Bar, Value 1 s. the Property of Francis Crosey, Sept. 30th. It appeared, that what the Prisoner did was under the Direction of her Husband, who was an Inhabitant in the House from whence the Things were taken; and it not being done with a felonious Intent, she was honourably acquitted.

Samuel Ravenscroft, late of Southwark, Gent. was indicted for making an Assault on Mary Goodall, an Infant, with an Intent to ravish the said Mary Goodall, contrary to the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, &c.

It appear'd by the Evidence of Mr. Goodall an Attorney, that the Prisoner had served a Clerkship to him, and had left his Service, but solicited to come to him again, and in the Beginning of January last, he came accordingly. About that Time Mrs. Goodall was indisposed with a Fever, and the little

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Girl, Mary Goodall, who is not above three Years and a half old, us'd to lie with her Father and Mother; but the Father being ill, did not think it proper to let the Child be in the Bed, but desired his Sponse to put her to Bed with the Maid. The Prisoner always pretending a very great Respect for the little Girl, Mrs. Goodall said she might lie in his Bed a Night or two; but the Child had not been long there, before she complained that she was very sore; and the Mother examining her, found her in a bad Condition: On which she acquainted her Husband, who had Advice of one Mr. Hammond, a very skillful Surgeon, who declared that the Child had been meddled with by a Man, and then they began to suspect the Prisoner. One Day when the Prisoner was gone to the Temple about some Business for Mr. Goodall, he having put on a clean ruffled Shirt, his Trunk was opened, and his foul Shirt taken out, and found in a very nasty Condition, and shewn to Dr. Hammond, who at first Sight declar'd that the Person who wore that Shirt had got a Clap upon him. Ravenscroft was then charged with injuring the little Child, but denied it flily; his Master Goodall desir'd he might be search'd, but he refus'd it; however his Master forc'd him to it, and Mr. Hammond found he had a Run upon him. His Father and Mother were sent for, but he denied it to them; but in a short time left his Master's Service. Mr. Goodall also depos'd, that he had received a Letter from the Prisoner during his Absence, which Letter was produc'd, and prov'd to be the Prisoner's Hand-writing. It began with telling his Master Goodall, That with a Heart full of Sorrow, he hoped that the troublesome Affair would be made an End of, and neither he nor his Parents expos'd to the *Vox Populi*, and that it would be in his Power to make Satisfaction for the Injury done to him and his, or Words to that Purpose.

Mr. Goodall further depos'd, That his Father had desired him to make it up, but that he had refused so to do, and insisted, that his Father should transport him, for that he could not bear to see or hear of a Person that had done such an Injury to his Child. But his Father neglecting to send his Son out of the Way, had caused him to prosecute the Prisoner.

Mrs. Goodall confirm'd her Husband's Deposition, and further depos'd, That she ask'd her Daughter who had meddled with her? The Child told her that Sim (meaning the Prisoner) had been stroking her Honey-Bunny. That she tax'd the Prisoner with his ill Usage of the Child, and he denied it at first, but said if he did it, it was done in his Sleep.

Mr. William Hammond depos'd, That he search'd the Prisoner, and found he had a Clap on him; and that the Girl was very bad, and still remains so, being much inflam'd and excoriated.

Prisr. A young Lad, that went of Errands for my Master Goodall lay with us, and he might meddle with the Child.

Mr. Goodall. This little Boy, who is not above nine or ten Years old has been search'd, and is very clean.

Dr. Hammond. I search'd him, and found the Lad not in the least to have any Symptoms of such a Distemper; nor is it possible such a Youth should contract the foul Disease, or give it to a Child.

John Bawenscroft, the Prisoner's Father, appear'd in behalf of his Son, but could not say any thing as to the Fact, but that his Son did not fly for it, but liv'd with an Attorney in Harton-Garden. The Jury, without going from the Bar, found the Prisoner guilty of the Indictment.

James Stringer, was indicted for privately stealing two gallon pewter-pots, value 6s. and two quart pots, value 2s. the property of Henry Foster. Acquitted.

Robert

Robert Le Gros, was indicted for feloniously stealing a quantity of Salmon and Oysters, value 4 s. the property of Anne Drudge. It being fully prov'd, that the prosecutor's stall was broke open, and the goods taken away, the jury found him guilty of felony.

John Eyres, of Ryegate, was indicted for privately stealing eight pewter dishes, value 5 s. three books, value 1 s. one apron, value 1 s. and other things, the property of Edward Bilbiff. Guilty to the value of 10 d.

Robert Firxbugh, was indicted for privately stealing a copper stew-pan, five pewter-plates, a pewter-dish, a copper tea-kettle, and other things, the property of Thomas Hughes. Guilty to the value of 10 d.

George Chesbam, was indicted for feloniously stealing six buckskins, value 3 l. the property of John Smith. Acquitted.

John Fosset, *Joseph Read*, and *George Bateman*, were indicted for stealing a cloth coat, value 10 s. a pair of silver buckles, value 3 s. a hat, value 1 s. and other things, June 2. the goods of Peter Lever.

They were a second time indicted for stealing several black jacks, and leather punch-bowl, rim'd with silver, the property of Daniel Havard.

William Bull. I had been drinking at the Three Pigeons in Rosemary-lane, and met with the prisoners, and we all went together to Wapping, and at Execution-Dock got a boat, and went and robb'd a ship. Bateman went into the cabin, and took out four coats, two waist-coats, and two pair of breeches, one of them velvet, and went ashore and sold them to two Irishwomen at Aldgate, who buy of cloaths.

There being no other evidence to affect the prisoners, but that of Bull, their accomplice, the jury acquitted them.

Mary Candley, otherwise Standley, was indicted for feloniously stealing one child's linnen frock, value 2 s. one child's stay, value 3 s. and other things, the property of Rice Tooley, July 13.

She was a 2d time indicted for feloniously stealing one child's frock, value 2 s. one petticoat, value 1 s. and other things, the property of Samuel Johnson, July 8.

Mary Gill depos'd, That she and the prisoner us'd to make it their practice to strip children, and that they had cutic'd the daughters of Mr. Tooley and Mr. Johnson in the fields, and that Candley propos'd tying them to a tree, but Gill prevented her; that the cloaths were sold to a rag woman for 1 s. 6 d. and Gill had none of the money, for Candley wanted it to make up her husband's club-money. Some of the things were pawn'd to Mrs. Welch in Barnaby-street, who was reprimanded by the Court for taking things in pawn of such people. Candley call'd Mary Coleman, Katherine Jackson, and Anne Allen to her character, who gave her that of an honest woman; and there being no evidence to affect her but that of Mary Gill, her accomplice, the jury acquitted her.

Mary Gill, was indicted for stripping the child of Jeffery Wright, and the fact being fully prov'd upon her by Mr. Wright, and her own confession, the jury found her guilty of felony.

Arthur Overbead and *Stephen Wood* were indicted for a misdemeanor, in assaulting William Boxall a Constable, and rescuing from him one Rebecca Hill, otherwise Yorkshire, whom he had in Custody, and was carrying to Bridewell, for retailing spirituous Liquors, contrary to the Statute, &c.

William Boxall. I am a Constable, and belong to the Parish of St. Mary Newington. I had a Warrant brought me to serve on one Rebecca Hill, and as I carried her before Justice

lice Nicholas in the Bridge-Yard, a great mob rose in the Borough upon me, and some cried out, D—n him, kill him, he's an Informer, knock him in the head. When we came before Justice Nicholas, the mob increased, and threatened to pull down the Justice's house. The Justice opened his Sash, and look'd if he saw any Officers there to keep the Peace, and saw one Mr. Fisher a Distiller, who he ordered to keep the Peace, but Fisher took no notice. When the Woman was committed, she being unable to pay the ten pounds, as directed by the Act, and I carrying her to prison, the mob increased very much, and in Tooley-street and other places cried out, D—n the Informers, kill them. I told them I was no Informer but a Constable, and doing my duty, and that I could not keep what I did. The two men at the bar came up to me; they collar'd me, pull'd me into the Kennel, my Shirt-Collar was torn, and my Clothes all tore in pieces. I ask'd them if they design'd to murder me, or if they wanted to release my Prisoner from me. They beat me very barbarously, and the Woman got quite away from me. I was not able, from this barbarous Usage to work for a Fortnight or three Weeks after. I called at the Black-House, and had my Wounds dressed.

Court. Was you under the Care of a Surgeon?

Boxall. No my Lord, my Wife is a very skillful Woman, and took care of me herself.

Court. Were Overhead and Wood two of the Persons who assaulted you, and us'd you in this manner?

Boxall. Yes my Lord, I laid hold of them both. I know perfectly well they are the men.

Joseph Jennison confirmed Mr. Boxall's Evidence, and added, that Mr. Fisher who is in Court and he would do for me, and put me into Goal, my Lord.

Court. For what?

Jennison. I was with Mr. Barret a Constable, on Newington Causeway, and there I met him, and he call'd me Informer. *Court.* Was you put in prison to hinder your appearing here as a Witness in this Affair?

Jennison. I don't know, I was sent to the New Gaol. He call'd me Informer, and afterwards charg'd me with rioting him.

Court. If this could be prov'd by another Evidence, he should not go home to his Distill-house to-night.

Mr. Walker the distiller, and Mr. Smith Salter gave Wood a very good Character.

The Jury found them both guilty of the Indictment.

Ann Dignood was indicted for feloniously stealing a Silver Thimble, a Silver Hair-ring, &c. the Property of Charles Knowles.

She was a second time indicted for stealing a Huckabaek Tablecloth, Value 6 s. the property of John Tetter. Acquitted of both.

Thomas Fox was indicted for a Misdemeanor, in destroying 100 Orange-Sprigs in the Gardens of Thomas Scaven Esq; the Fact being fully proved upon the Prisoner, the Jury found him guilty of the Indictment.

Richard Adsworth was indicted for forging a Receipt in the name of J. Baker, of Thomas Scaven Esq; with an intent to defraud William Abrahams of the Sum of 30 l. 13 s. and for purchasing the said Note, knowing it to be counterfeit. Acquitted.

Samuel Cason convicted the last Lent-Affizes for Surrey, for robbing Tobias Wall Esq; on the Highway, having obtained his Majesty's most gracious Pardon, was bail'd, in order to plead the same the next General Pardon.

John Bray, Richard Coley, William Morris, John Dixon, Mary Wafford who were also convicted at the last Lent-Affizes, but since reprieved, were ordered to be transported for 14 Years each.

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